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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We are getting fairly desperate, I would say, in this state, in this country as to where agriculture is headed. I don't think the U.S. government is going to continue to bail out agriculture after this year, even in the stock market drops today you're hearing people come up with ideas to save those investors in the stock market. So it's not unusual for someone to ask for government interference. If...and I'm responding to what Senator Chambers said about that, it's not that it's that clear cut in the discussions that we're having, but where else to have it, but on the floor of the Legislature. As to what the answer should be, this is a proposal by Senator Connealy and those of us in agriculture to try to do something to help ourselves. And I...I don't believe in this day, where we are locked into competition with giant corporate...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...America, that this is a way we might be able to do it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it would have been good had Senator Wehrbein gotten into the discussion earlier because these are some of the subjects that, as he correctly pointed out, we should be talking about on the floor of the Legislature. Now here is what I've got to say, since when a cloture motion is made there can be no debate, I don't like this bill and I'm going to do all that I can to stop it. There are other bills I don't like either, and this one being on the docket will help me. Doesn't make any difference to me whether I'm fighting this bill or some other bill. But if this one does get a successful cloture vote, it's going to be given the same treatment that its being given now. I'm not going to go away. Any of these types of bills that I perceive to be gouging the public, taking away a right of the public to choose, then I'm going to fight it. When I see a bill designed to wipe out the competition, I'm going to fight it. You all may not remember, but I think it was last session where some car dealers wanted to get the market locked up for themselves so